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TOPIC <u>Merseburg Airfield</u>	25X1
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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Merseburg airfield between 21 July and 17 August 1955:

21 July. Between 0700 and 0730, 2 MiG-15s made local flights. Between 2000 and 2400, local flying was continuously practiced by MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s.

22 July. Between 1830 and 1840 and between 1920 and 1930, an Li-2 made a flight and a group of 14 parachutists jumped each time. Between 2000 and 2300, local flying was practiced by MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s

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23 July. Individual local flights were made by MiG-15s between 0700 and 1250.

24 July. No air activity was observed.

25 July. From 0930 to 1900, there was intensive local flying, flying in elements of two, and diving.

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26 July. Between 0830 and 1800, local flights were made by individual aircraft and elements of two. Between 2000 and 2200, night flying was practiced.

27 July. Flying in formation of two and four aircraft was practiced between 0730 and 1320. Night flying was conducted by MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s between 2000 and 0230. The aircraft took off and landed in formations of two.

28 to 31 July. No air activity was observed. On 31 July, a total of 31 MiG-15s were parked on the landing field.

1 August. Between 1200 and 1230, MiG-15s made local flights.

2 August. Night flying in elements of two aircraft was conducted between 2110 and 2400.

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3 August. Between 0815 and 1850, individual local flights were made by aircraft including MiG-15

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4 August. Between 0610 and 1700, some local flights were observed. Night flying was conducted between 2030 and 2200.

5 August. Between 0620 and 1200, 8 to 10 local flights were made. At 1700, a formation of 4 MiG-15s coming from the east landed at the field.

6 August. Individual local flights were made between 0645 and 1245.

7 August. No air activity was observed.

8 August. Between 0940 and 1910, there was intensive air activity including local flying by individual aircraft and formations of two and four.

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9 August. Between 0605 and 2200, there was intensive local flying by aircraft

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During the entire period of observation only MiG-15s were seen aloft. On every day of observation, a total of 22 MiG-15s

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or U-MIG-15s were parked on the landing field including 8 on the alert site at the eastern end of the runway. The other aircraft were entirely covered with green material.

10 August.. There was no air activity.

11 August. Between 1520 and 1930, local flights were made by aircraft in elements of two.

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12 August. Aircraft [redacted] practiced local flying from 0700 to 1530 and from 1950 to 2200.

13 August. Aircraft flying in formations of two and four were observed aloft between 0630 and 1510.

14 and 15 August. No air activity was observed.

16 August. Two local flights were made by MIG-15s between 1505 and 1540.

17 August. There was no air activity.

2. No changes were observed in the occupation strength which was still estimated at 1,500 men who wore black-bordered blue epaulets and 150 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets.
3. The radio and radar installations were unchanged.
4. Forty tank cars with fuel arrived at the field between 21 July and 9 August, and an additional 16 tanks came by 17 August.
5. Vehicular traffic observed included:

Trucks

Tank Truck

Bus

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Eight MIG-17s had been

observed in Merseburg in June 1955.

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